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Dear Don:

I received your letter last night and appreciate your attitude and reaction to George S.'s letter. Although you and I have been working for a long time of the project, we are virtually just beginning the operational buildup phase. Most of the problems listed fall into this category. The status of each of George's problems is as follows:

a. The medical supply situation has not been fully established. However, I will get on with a workable system immediately. I do hope we have sufficient medical supplies to take care of emergencies throughout the next few weeks.

b. With regard to the medical personnel situation, we have submitted requirements to the Air Force which will be filled as soon as possible (this probably means months). We should have on board by the middle of October, seven medical people requisitioned several months ago. Four others will not report until the middle of November. A flight surgeon is included in this last increment. Our main problem is simply that we have no staff medical officer in the Headquarters. George is filling that slot but physically located at [REDACTED]. I will make arrangements for him to return to Headquarters and solve the very problems he has asked us to work on. His problem is mainly one of improper briefing on our part before he left for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Time did not provide for this briefing.

c. The flying time situation applies to all rated personnel at the test base and Geo McC. is looking into a solution to that problem. We eventually hope to have aircraft assigned to [REDACTED] to provide flying time for all rated personnel. I see no need for obtaining a waiver for 60-2 minimums at this time. We may have to use the MATS shuttle to clean up the 60-2 minimums for some of the officers.

While dictating this letter, [REDACTED] called to thank me for arranging for George S.'s early reporting date [REDACTED]. He said that as far as they were concerned, everything was going fine and he emphasized that anything we needed from them could be arranged without difficulty. He also said that they are completely covered on all services required by our activity through your contract, including supply of specialized medical equipment. It is my understanding that your contract will run for only

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a limited time. Therefore, we have made preliminary arrangements with Randy to discuss an extension of this contract early in October. No definite date has been set for this meeting but I should like to have you present when Dick and Randy discuss this subject. I will advise you as to the exact time and date of the meeting.

Dick should be at [REDACTED] on the 26th of this month and will be able to discuss some of these problems with George. For the present I have no scheduled trip but hope to be out there some time during October.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]